

***MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE PROGRAM***

**REQUEST FOR PRICE QUOTES (Freight Charges and Terms)
PRECIPITATED CALCIUM CARBONATE (SUGAR BEET LIME)**

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Montana Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) is seeking Price Quotes and Terms for the transport of approximately 2,400 tons of Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (PCC), defined as Sugar Beet Lime (SBL), from The Western Sugar Cooperative, Billings, MT F.O.B. destination to two designated unloading areas. The first unloading area requires 1,200 tons of SBL delivered to Stucky Ridge located adjacent to Lost Creek Road near the community of Anaconda, MT. The second unloading area requires 1,200 ton of SBL delivered to the Silver Bow Creek area located adjacent to Stewart Street near the community of Opportunity, MT.

The Western Sugar Cooperative is located at 3020 State Avenue, Billings, MT 59101.

To access the Stucky Ridge Project Site, merge off I-90 west onto MT-1 via exit 208 toward Anaconda/Opportunity. Turn right (northeast) on Highway 48. Turn left (north) on Galen RD/MT-273. Turn left (west) on Lost Creek Road (RR/NF-635) and follow Lost Creek Road approximately 1.0 mile before turning left (south) on the Stucky Ridge access road (see attached map). The Stucky Ridge access road is a new gravel - surface road (constructed in 2010) that is 25 feet wide, gains 465 feet in elevation over 1.5 miles to the offload site, and has a maximum grade of 8%.

Contract freight hauler shall load the SBL in Billings and offload the SBL into the second of three constructed bunkers on Stucky Ridge as shown on the attached map. Offloading operations shall include pushing the SBL into a uniform stockpile (approximately 6 feet high and with a radius of 50 feet) within the storage bunker with a loader or dozer. Contract freight hauler shall provide all labor, tools, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary to complete the offloading work at the Stucky Ridge offload site. After the offload is complete, Contract freight hauler shall spray down the trucks (dump box or belly dump box) to prevent dust generation while leaving the area.

To access the Silver Bow Creek Site, merge from I-90 west onto MT-1 via exit 208 toward Anaconda/Opportunity. Turn right (east) on Stewart Street and follow Stewart Street through Opportunity approximately 2.1 miles before turning left (north) on the existing haul road (see attached map). The offload site is located approximately 1000 feet from the turnoff onto the existing haul road. The existing haul road is 40 feet wide and has a maximum grade of 1%. Contract freight hauler shall adhere to a 15 mph speed limit when travelling through the town of Opportunity. The use of engine brakes will not be permitted.

Contract freight hauler shall load the SBL in Billings and offload the SBL adjacent to an existing coversoil stockpile at the Silver Bow Creek Site as shown on the attached map. A Contractor working on an existing project at the Silver Bow Creek site will assist with offloading operations and push the SBL into a uniform stockpile adjacent to the topsoil

stockpile with a loader or dozer. Contract freight hauler shall provide the on-site Contractor with all tools and incidentals necessary (tow chains and connections) to assist with offloading the trucks in the event the trucks have trouble navigating the offload area. After the offload is complete, the on-site Contractor will spray down the trucks (dump box or belly dump box) to prevent dust generation while leaving the area.

Contract freight hauler is responsible for obtaining water to provide dust control on the Stucky Ridge access road during hauling. In addition, the SBL stockpile at the Stucky Ridge Site shall be sprayed down daily with a minimum of 2,000 gallons of water to control dust; unless otherwise directed by Engineer.

Dust control requirements at the Silver Bow Creek site to wet haul roads, stockpiled SBL, and to wash the trucks will be completed by the on-site Contractor.

SBL is an industrial byproduct from the sugar beet refining processes. It must be covered during transport to prevent the product from drying and generating dust (see Safe Handling, below).

2.0 PRICE QUOTES AND TERMS

Parties interested in entering into a contract to perform these services shall provide NRDP with **one unit price quote per ton of SBL delivered**. The price quote shall include the following work requirements: 1) Loading the SBL in Billings and offloading the SBL at Stucky Ridge and Silver Bow Creek. 2) Inclusion of subcontractor costs to assist with the offload process at the Stucky Ridge site. 3) Freight charge (including weight verification) to transport SBL F.O.B. destination to the Stucky Ridge and Silver Bow Creek locations. 4) Procuring and applying water for dust control at the Stucky Ridge site. Interested parties shall also propose any additional terms to the shipping contract (and/or provide NRDP with a copy of their basic freight contract).

3.0 DELIVERY TIMEFRAME:

The required delivery timeframe is between May 14th and July 13th, 2012, inclusive. Delivery shall only be conducted on weekdays. Contract freight hauler shall provide seven days' advance written notice to NRDP and Western Sugar of loading and transport schedule.

4.0 SAFE HANDLING:

Avoid skin and eye contact as irritation will occur. Do not wear contact lenses when working with lime or PCC products. Inhalation can cause coughing, sneezing, or breathing problems. Clothing contaminated or infused with PCC which contacts wet skin could cause irritation and/or burning. Wear clean, dry gloves, full length pants over boots, long sleeved shirt buttoned at the neck, head protection, and approved eye protection (goggles) selected for working conditions. In cases of insufficient ventilation, use appropriate respiratory protection. Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (available from NRDP) for first aid and for specific safe handling instructions.

5.0 NEGOTIATE CONTRACT

If a freight haul contract is to be entered into, NRDP intends to directly negotiate the contract based on the price quotes and terms submitted. NRDP and contractor shall agree upon an acceptable method for measurement and payment. NRDP will determine in its sole discretion whether it is in the best interests of the State of Montana to negotiate and enter into a freight haul contract. Acceptance will be based both on the price (including measurement and payment) and terms for loading, shipping and delivery of the material to the specified destination.

NRDP reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel the Request for Price Quotes and Terms, to reject any and all quotes, to postpone or decide not to negotiate a contract, to waive any and all informalities and to take any other action it deems to be in the best interests of the State of Montana.

6.0 SUBMISSION OF PRICE QUOTES AND TERMS

Interested parties are asked to submit price quotes and terms (and any supporting documentation) in writing by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 11th, 2012 to:

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For questions regarding the project, contact Greg Mullen at (406) 444-0228 or gmullen@mt.gov.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2012